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REF:(A) STATE 26225;(B) TEHRAN 10809,(C) TEHRAN  
10709;(D) TEHRAN 10681;(E) TEHRAN OM  
OF 10/15/75;(F) TEHRAN A-165, 7/27/75

1. YOU MAY RECALL THAT THE LAST TIME I WAS IN WASHINGTON  
I MENTIONED THAT WE WERE FACING SERIOUS BUDGETARY PROBLEMS  
HERE AND THAT YOU INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL.  
I BELIEVE THAT WE NOW NEED THIS HELP.

2. OUR FY 76 PROGRAM AND SHARED BUDGET WAS \$4,673,212.  
WE WERE ALLOTTED \$3,745,500. THIS REDUCTION ELIMINATED  
ALL OF OUR PROPOSED INCREASES AND ALSO REDUCED OR  
DEFERRED BY PERCENTAGES VARYING FROM 25 TO 50 PERCENT  
OUR WAGE, PRICE AND OTHER MANDATORY INCREASES  
INCORPORATED IN OUR ON-GOING RATES COMPUTATIONS.

3. SUBSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE MADE THE MOST SERIOUS  
ATTEMPT TO BRING OUR EXPENDITURES WITHIN THE AMOUNT  
THAT WE HAVE BEEN PROVIDED, AS IS REFLECTED IN THE  
EXCHANGE OF REFTEL MESSAGES AND IN PARTICULAR OUR  
OM OF OCTOBER 15. WE WERE DISTRESSED, THEREFORE,  
TO BE ADVISED(STATE 26225) THAT NO ADDITIONAL  
FUNDS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME. OUR IMME-  
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DIATE CONCERN IS THE LACK OF ASSURANCE THAT OUR

ALLOTMENT FOR THE FIRST HALF OF OUR FISCAL YEAR WILL BE INCREASED BY \$462,795 BEFORE NOVEMBER 21 WHEN FUNDS MUST BE OBLIGATED TO COVER RECURRING FIXED COSTS SUCH AS SALARIES, RENTS, UTILITIES, TRANSPORTATION, AND OTHER MANDATORY EXPENDITURES. THIS ROCK BOTTOM FIGURE IS THE RESULT OF FURTHER TRIMMING OF THE REQUIREMENTS SET FORTH IN TEHRAN 10809 BY DEFERRING PROCURMENT OF HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS AND RELATED SHIPPING COSTS AMOUNTING TO \$136,500.

4. I BELIEVE THAT OUR BUDGET SUBMISSION HAS BEEN PREPARED CONSCIENTIOUSLY AND IS WELL DOCUMENTED. WE HAVE ABSORBED A NUMBER OF UNANTICIPATED COSTS RELATING TO THE OPENING OF OUR SHIRAZ AND ISFAHAN CONSULATES AND CLOSING OUR CONSULATE IN KHORRAMSHAHR. IN RESPONSE TO DEPARTMENT INSTRUCTIONS AND OUR OWN PERCEPTIONS OF THE NEED, WE HAVE STRENGTHENED OUR ANTI-TERRORIST CAPABILITIES, IMPROVED MORALE THROUGH THE INITIATION OF AN EMBASSY LEASED HOUSING PROGRAM, HAVE PLANNED FOR THE SUPPORT OF ESSENTIAL INCREASES IN OUR ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL SECTION, THE ADMINISTRATIVE SECTION, AND OUR CONSULAR SECTION. WE HAVE DEALT WITH A GENUINE WAVE OF VIP VISITS AND TRADE DELEGATIONS WHICH PROMISES TO CONTINUE. IN SHORT, I BELIEVE ANY FAIR-MINDED OBSERVER WOULD AGREE THAT WE HAVE ACTED RESPONSIBLY AND PRUDENTLY IN DISCHARGING OUR OBJECTIVES. WE NEED ADDITIONAL RESOURCES, HOWEVER, TO CONTINUE.

5. I AM MINDFUL OF THE PERSONAL CONSEQUENCES I FACE IF I AM IN VIOLATION OF THE ANTIDEFICIENCY ACT(4FAM 042). I AM CERTAIN THE REGIONAL BUREAU HAS PROVIDED US MAXIMUM SUPPORT AND I REGRET THAT I MUST TURN TO YOU FOR FURTHER ASSISTANCE. WHAT WE NEED NOW IS \$462,795.

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